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### Proposed deletion of approved additives

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**Report Highlights:**

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MHLW published a list of "Existing Food Additives" on April 16, 1996. The list may be found from the JETRO website ([http://www.jetro.go.jp/se/e/standards\\_regulation/foodadd-e/foodadd1.pdf](http://www.jetro.go.jp/se/e/standards_regulation/foodadd-e/foodadd1.pdf)). The reference is written in English, but you may need to download the Asian Language Package to read the file.

Any food additive appearing in the list, and any food or preparation containing such food additive, are not subject to the provisions of Article 6 of the Food Sanitation Law as an interim measures in the amendments to the law. Therefore, sale, or manufacture, importation, use, etc. for sale of such food additives have been permitted.

The revision of the Food Sanitation Law in 2003 requires MHLW to delete the additives that are not commercially used and to begin risk assessment of the remaining additives listed on as "Existing Food Additives."

Once the additives are deleted from the list, they will be no longer permitted use in foods, unless they are re-designated under the legal framework.

Any parties who would like to respond to the investigation should send their comments to the address below in MHLW by December 26, 2003.

Food Additives Section  
Standards and Evaluation Division  
Department of Food Safety  
Pharmaceutical and Food Safety Bureau  
MHLW  
Fax: 81-3-3501-4868  
Email: [kijunfa@mhlw.go.jp](mailto:kijunfa@mhlw.go.jp)

The comments must contain: Name of additives concerned, Documentation showing sales amount, etc, Name of the company marketing the additives and point of contact.

MHLW will publish the list of candidate additives to be deleted in early 2004 with a six-month comment and revision period, announce the final list in early 2005, and implement it six months after the announcement.

008: Achromopeptidase  
002: Aeromonas gum  
007: Agrobacterium succinoglycan  
335: Balata  
067: Barley husk extract  
343: Beet saponin  
352: Betel nut extract  
416: Borapet  
429: Citrus seed extract  
140: Cristobalite  
242: Dropwort extract  
222: Edible canna extract  
056: Ellagic acid

064: Endomaltohexaohydrolase  
065: Endomaltopentaohydrolase  
060: Enju saponin  
062: Enterobacter gum  
063: Enterobacter simanus gum  
169: Enzymatically modified licorice extract  
058: Erwinia mitsuensis gum  
360: Ferritin  
040: Fig leaf extract  
354: Fir balsam  
482: Forsythia extract  
370: Fructosyl transferase-treated stevia  
363: L-Fucose  
409: Garden balsam extract  
367: Grape seed extract  
137: Gutta katiou  
328: Hachiku extract  
388: Hego-Ginkgo leaf extract  
415: jojoba wax  
079: Kauri gum  
163: Alpha-Ketoglutaric acid (extract)  
166: Kojic acid  
133: Kusagi color  
462: Lac color  
480: Levan  
422: Madake extract  
410: Magnolia obovata extract  
426: Maltose phosphorylase  
421: Mastic gum  
432: Miracle fruit extract  
306: Monellin  
453: Montan wax  
443: Mousouchiku charcoal extract  
159: Mulberry bark extract  
437: Muramidase  
433: Myrrh  
323: Neuraminidase  
319: Nitrilase  
324: Nordihydroguaiaretic acid  
458: Oil stuff seed wax  
073: Oligogalacturonic acid  
071: Opopanax resin  
346: Peanut color  
043: Polyfructan (inulin type)  
382: Powdered rice hulls  
450: Rice hull extract  
041: Rice straw ash extract  
202: Sandarac resin  
225: Sappan color  
241: Sepiolite  
188: Sesame seed oil unsaponified matter  
238: Sesamol  
237: Sesamolin  
162: Spermaceti wax

229: Superoxide dismutase

269: Tea seed saponin

284: Tenryocha extract

277: Theobromine

304: Trehalose phosphorylase

66: Urucury wax

350: Xhantomonas campestris protein (Ice nucleatic protein, Ice nucleating protein)